
Lochsa Ranger District

Boundary Junction Fire

FACT SHEET

UPDATE: September 2, 2007

DATE OF DETECTION: August 10, 2007 **CAUSE:** Lightning **CONTAINMENT:** 0%

LOCATION: This fire is located approximately 15 airline miles southeast of Pierce, Idaho.

BOUNDARY JUNCTION FIRE STATUS: On Sunday morning the fire remains at 5000 acres. Fire activity was low to moderate yesterday with isolated torching of trees.

Yesterday crews finished containing the “spots,” or portions of the fire which crossed the containment line into Eldorado Creek. An afternoon storm brought .05 inches of rain to the fire area. Field observers at Austin Ridge Lookout located three new starts yesterday. None were problematic.

Today firefighters will continue to patrol and “mop up” along Road 500, Trail 48, and the Eldorado headwaters. Crews will also continue to clear the roads within the fire perimeter of downed trees.

In light of (1) the fire’s remote location, (2) current and predicted weather patterns, (3) extreme fire behavior, (4) fuel conditions, (5) dangers to firefighters and (6) scarce firefighting resources, fire managers believe a traditional all-out suppression approach will not succeed. As an alternative they have developed a long-term management plan that analyzes the resources and social values “at risk” from fire or fire suppression tactics, and identifies “management action points” where suppression actions should be taken to protect resource and social values.

This approach is referred to as a “modified suppression strategy.” In essence it means a variety of tactics—ranging from all-out suppression to daily monitoring or a combination thereof—could be used in the fire’s management if it is safe to do so and if necessary firefighting resources are available.

Unless a significant event happens on the fire, this will be the last fire “Fact Sheet” published for the Boundary Junction Fire.

RESOURCES: Two firefighters are assigned to the fire today. Ted McClanahan is the incident commander.

CLOSURES: The area closure associated with the Boundary Junction Fire remains in effect due to hazard trees in the area. Concerns about public safety continue, prompting Forest Supervisor Tom Reilly to maintain the closure area. In general terms, the closure is north of Dollar Creek (Road 500), Cedar Creek (Road 5125) and Road 483; east and south of Beaver Dam Saddle, Chamook Saddle, Road 520, and Yoosa Creek 103; south of the Lolo Motorway (Road 500) from Pete Forks Junction to Deep Saddle; west of Doubt Creek, Hungry Creek, and Obia Cabin; north of Frenchman, Middle Butte, and Road 483. Rocky Ridge Lake Campground is also closed. A description and map of the closure area is posted on the Grangeville Interagency Dispatch Center and on Inciweb. For further information contact the Lochsa Ranger District at (208) 926-4274.

FIRE RESTRICTIONS: Stage 1 fire restrictions are currently in effect for all Clearwater National Forest lands. Restrictions for the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness are slightly different than non-wilderness lands. Contact the Lochsa Ranger District for details.

INFORMATION: For more information, log onto www.inciweb.org, the Clearwater National Forest website www.fs.fed.us/r1/clearwater or call the Kooskia Ranger Station at 208-926-4274.